

Dear Commissioners of the FCC. Further Media Consolidation will be a HUGE Disaster. Corporate media conglomerated have caused programming quality to suffer greatly over the past seven years. I actually believe that the first year (and only the first year) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 brought about some positive merges in media ownership. After the first year though the conglomerates got to be too large and content has suffered greatly as a result. It seems we have finally reached a plateau where it really can't get much worse, and now you, The FCC, The people who are supposed to be protecting My interests, and the interests of every tax paying citizen of this nation, you want to allow the huge Media Conglomerates to become even more powerful. More powerful mega conglomerates would produce even less diversity in programming and News Coverage. This puts our democracy in serious trouble. People believe what they hear on the radio and see on TV. It frightens me to think that simply a few corporate entities will be able to persuade the entire population, or even worse, withhold important information from us like this very issue I am commenting on now. This movement to further consolidate the media is even worse news than the approval of IBOC. Back in 1996 nobody could have imagined the impact the Telecommunications Act of 1996 was about to have on our media. I became much worse than we thought was possible. If you go through with this proposal for June 2nd, it will once again have results far worse than what happened since 1996. Please make the right decision. Please do NOT approve the proposal on June 2nd. Companies like Clear Channel, Viacom, and AOL Time Warner own too much media property as it is. If anything you should be posing further Restrictions on media ownership, not relaxing the limits. Please think about us little people. The little people who still barely have the ability to think for ourselves because of filtered content. Please don't take what little we still have away from us on June 2nd. Sincerely - Russell J. Skadl